

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Western Massachusetts Regional Interoperability Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 12:30pm  
Hatfield Fire Department  
3 School Street, Hatfield, MA 01330

**In attendance:** Raine Brown (FRCOG), Bob Hassett (Spfld. CMED), Lindsay Stromgren (Amherst FD), Walter Tibbets ( FCECS), Matt Barstow (MSP), Tom Grady (BCSO), Nick DaDalt (EOPSS), Paul Madera (Ludlow PD), CMED), Robert Garriepy (Huntington PD), Butch Garriety (Shelburne Dispatch), Ann Dunne (FRCOG).

This meeting was audio recorded.

Bob Hassett called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Tom Grady moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting as submitted. Paul Madera seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.</p>
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A round of introductions followed.

**Updates from the Chair**

*SIEC* Update – No Updates

*SWIC* Update –No Updates

**Project Updates**

*WMLEC Gap Solutions* –The specialty cables were delivered, and are in the process of being installed.

*CMED Hovey Hill* – Motorola is waiting on National Grid and Eversource to meet prior to proceeding with the project. Both companies own the towers in question. Raine noted there are some delays with issuing the PO from MAPC due to contract considerations desired by Motorola. Raine noted the project will need an extension of FFY17.

*Holcomb Road Project* –Green Mountain Company completed the work. Robert Garriepy noted he was happy with the work completed.

*COMU Go Kits* –The bid is due on April 22, 2019. Raine will have more information for the next meeting.

**Western Mass Interoperable Systems Update**

*Berkshire County* – Tom Grady noted they are waiting on the results of the 911 Development Grant request, which will enable Berkshire County to complete their multi-year project. They have hired a consultant to map all of the towers, using drone technology.

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*Franklin County* – Walter Tibbets noted that Leyden and Colrain has some recent incompatibility issues, that may have been resolved by now.

*Hampshire County* – No updates.

*WMLEC* – The spare microwaves dishes currently housed in Monson will need to be moved before the building where they are being stored is torn down. Steve Kozloski had asked Raine what is the procedure for selling/giving away the equipment. Raine noted due to the cost the items likely can be sold or given to another Homeland Security Council or other interested government agency. Raine will share the details and equipment list with the subcommittee and interested parties once Steve Kozloski provides the specifications of the equipment.

*CMED*: Bob noted that CMED is waiting on National Grid and Eversource to meet regarding the two towers before Motorola can go ahead with the project.

*MSP* – No updates

Air Methods – Not in attendance- no updates

*Other* – No updates

**Budget Review** – Raine has requested an extension of the FFY17 CMED project.

The FFY18 projects are ready to move forward.

**Requests** – None

**Old Business**

**FFY2018 BCSO Mobile Unit Satellite Internet**

Jason provided an updated satellite quote of \$32,687.00, and the funding is approved up to \$35,000.00. Raine will send the project justification to EOPSS for approval.

**FFY2018 Video Downlink Upgrades**

It was agreed to request an estimate for the existing units to be repaired and upgraded. The project will be completed in stages. The first step will be an assessment of the equipment.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Tom Grady moved to approve the project up to \$50,000.00, and to allow the subcommittee to make incremental steps to get the equipment functioning and operational again. Butch Garriety seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.</p>
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Raine will write the project justification and seek EOPSS and SIEC approval so the project can move forward.

**New Business** – Huntington has some miscellaneous equipment left over from a 2004 project. Robert Garriepy will provide Raine with a list of the available equipment to make a determination.

Tom noted that the Berkshire County PSAPS are taking wireless calls. They are experiencing some challenges with an increase in calls from outside their service area.

**Business Unforeseen by the Chair** – None.

**Next Steps/Future Meetings**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2019, 12:30 pm at the Hatfield Fire Department, 3 School Street, Hatfield, MA.

There being no further business, Tom Grady moved to adjourn. Paul Madera seconded.

Voted unanimously in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

**List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting**

- Minutes from March 19, 2019 meeting
- WRHSAC FFY17 State Homeland Security Budget – 04/12/2019
- WRHSAC FFY18 State Homeland Security Budget – 04/12/2019

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Dunne  
Franklin Regional Council of Governments